

PERSIAN TOWN OF KASHAN FALLS

STRONG GALE
PLAYS HAVOC
ALONG COAST

Southern and Atlantic Sea-
boards Swept by Terrific
Wind Storm.

COMMUNICATION CUT

Telephone and Telegraph
Wires Are Torn Down—
No Deaths Reported.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 29.—Extensive
damage was reported early today
along the gulf coast and adjacent ter-
ritory as the result of a storm which
swept over this section last night.
Telephone and telegraph wires are re-
ported prostrate in every direction.
This morning Birmingham, Montgom-
ery and Pensacola still were cut off
from communication with the rest of
the world. Mobile's only means of
communication was by way of New Or-
leans.

A heavy downpour of rain accom-
panied the storm. The velocity of the
wind at Birmingham is unofficially re-
ported at 20 miles an hour at one time.
The local weather bureau reports a
wind velocity of 45 miles an hour along
the coast just before midnight.

Bout Set Afloat.

A coal barge anchored in Mobile
Bay, with 30 to 40 negro laborers
aboard, went adrift during the height
of the storm and is reported ashore
near Point Clear. No lives are reported
lost but the barge is in a dangerous
situation. Tugs left this morning to
rescue those on board.

Tennessee Is Hit.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 29.—General
floods throughout the Mississippi val-
ley last night, which, in some sections,
turned into sheet, resulted in a serious
crimping of telephone and telegraph
communication today. Trains from the
west were late and reported run-
ning on slow orders.

In Memphis the thermometer dropped
to 28 degrees, the ice causing ser-
ious delay in street traffic.
Another storm, accompanied by ris-
ing temperature, is on the way from
the southwest, according to the local
weather bureau.

Washington in Storm Zone.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Sleet
and snow crippled wire communica-
tion today throughout the east. The
storm moving northwest over Louisi-
ana gained in force during the night
and today was central over the Ohio
valley.

Rain, sleet and snow were falling
throughout most of the eastern part
of the country, and as the storm moves
northeast these conditions will prevail
tonight and Thursday in the region of
the Great Lakes, northern New York
and north New England. Rains
have been general throughout the gulf,
south Atlantic and middle Atlantic
states, being heavy in the east gulf
states, Tennessee, the Carolinas and
Georgia. Storm warnings were order-
ed up by the weather bureau along the
Atlantic coast from Key West, Fla., to
Eastport, Maine. No damage to ship-
ping was reported.

Damages Communication.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Belated and brief
reports from stations on the western
edge of the affected territory brought
word today to the local weather bu-
reau of the storm now raging over the
Alleghenies. Sleet and ice broke
wires and strong winds overturned
poles, handicapping telegraph and
telephone companies and for a time
shut off communication with the eastern
coast by the usual means.

The storm which originated yester-
day in eastern Texas and broke last
night over Alabama, is now apparently
centered over West Virginia, accord-
ing to the local weather bureau, and is
spreading eastward over Pennsylvania.
Reports from eastern Kentucky and
adjacent parts of Ohio told of much
damage by sleet and wind. Further
south rain was heavy and throughout
all the region affected high winds pre-
vailed.

No reports of storm damage from
far eastern points had been received
by the local forecaster, who said that
the Mississippi valley would feel the
storm only in brisk northeast winds.

STEAMSHIP ROUTE
NOW ESTABLISHED

London, Dec. 29, (6:32 a. m.)—"The
new steamship route from Norway to
Russia is now established and the Nor-
wegian steamer Kong Helge, with a
cargo of American and English ma-
chinery for Russia, has made a trip
from Tromsø (Norway) to Alexandro-
vsk, Russia, under most favorable
conditions," says the Copenhagen cor-
respondent of the Exchange-Telegraph
company.



—ANOTHER DRASTIC NOTE—

GREEK STEAMER
CALLS FOR HELP
OFF SANDY HOOK

New York, Dec. 29.—Summoned by a
wireless call for help, the coast guard
cutter Seneca is speeding to the aid
of the Greek steamer Thessaloniki.
With 300 passengers aboard, the
steamer was in distress this morning
about two hundred and fifty miles east
of New York and laboring toward this
port at the rate of two miles an hour.

The vessel is bound from Piræus,
Greece, to New York. Last Wednesday
when 700 miles from the American
coast she sent out her first "S. O. S."
call, reporting that her boiler and en-
gine rooms had been partly flooded in
a heavy storm. The steamship Stan-
paula hurried to her relief soon received
word that the Thessaloniki would not
require aid.

Yesterday morning the Thessaloniki
reported by wireless that she was 300
miles east of Sandy Hook and in no
danger. Early today the Atlantic
transport liner Mongolia, lying at
anchor off Sandy Hook, picked up a
wireless message from the Thessaloniki
saying that she was again in dis-
tress, giving her position and adding
that she was "making two miles an
hour toward New York."

The Seneca, which left the harbor at
3:20 a. m., will require nearly twenty
hours to reach the distressed steamer.
Meanwhile many wireless stations
after vainly trying to communicate
with her sent the news to other steam-
ers in the trans-Atlantic lane on the
chance of finding one which might
have picked up a later message from
the Thessaloniki.

DRYS PICK PEORIA
FOR CONVENTION

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 29.—The 1916 con-
vention of the prohibition party in Illi-
nois will be held in Peoria May 31 and
June 1, according to an announcement
here today. Selection of the con-
vention city was made at a meeting of
the state central committee at Chicago yester-
day. A state ticket will be nomi-
nated at the convention. About 1,200 pro-
hibitionists are expected to attend.

NEW OFFENSIVE
OF FRENCH HALTS

Berlin, Dec. 29, (via London, 3:25 p.
m.)—The offensive movement under-
taken by the French in the Vosges, at
Hirzstein, is said by the German war
office to have broken down last night.
The report concedes that the French
penetrated German positions on Hart-
manns-Wellerkopf, but says they were
expelled later.

Miners Reelect Officers.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 29.—Complete
returns from the 13 districts of the
United Mineworkers of Illinois indi-
cate the following reelections: Presi-
dent, Frank Farrington of Streator;
Vice president, Frank Heffley of
Collinsville; Secretary-treasurer, Dun-
can McDonald of Springfield; interna-
tional board member, Frank Zimmer-
man of Springfield.

Replying to
Hundreds of
GoodWishes

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 29.—Tele-
grams congratulating President Wil-
son on his 59th birthday continued to-
day to pour into Hot Springs. More
than 200 had been received up to noon.
Approximately 500 came yesterday. The
president and Mrs. Wilson spent the
morning today reading and replying to
them. After a morning rain the sun
shone in the afternoon and the presi-
dent and his wife expected to play golf
or motor. Another long letter from
Secretary Lansing, presumably re-
viewing the international situation,
was received today by the president.

VENIZELOS GIVEN
A GREAT OVATION

Athens, Dec. 28, (via Paris, Dec. 29,
10:25 a. m.)—Thousands of Greeks of
all classes began filing past the resi-
dence of Eleutherios Venizelos, for-
mer premier of Greece, this morning
on the occasion of his Saint's day and
gave him an extraordinary greeting.
There were workmen in blouses, sol-
diers in uniforms, statesmen, former
cabinet ministers, politicians and men
of every social rank in the procession
who pushed their way through the
dense crowd that remained in front of
M. Venizelos' house all day. The en-
tente ministers called on the former
premier and were cheered by the crowd.

GOING TO RESCUE
OF HELPLESS SHIP

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29.—Word was
awaited here today regarding the fate
of a three-masted vessel, believed to
be the Peruvian bark Callao, which
was reported last night as drifting
ashore under bare poles off Long Beach
on the west coast of Vancouver island.
Aid was summoned by the dominion
wireless station at Pacheña and two
power life boats and the American
coast guard cutter Snobomish were
sent to the position of the distressed
ship.

The American schooner Sausalito,
which was driven ashore on Waadah
island, Cape Flattery, Monday night,
was breaking up today and will be a
total loss. Her crew was saved.

FLAMES GUT SIX
STORY BUILDING

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Fire destroyed a
six-story building at Wabash avenue
and Randolph streets early today,
causing a loss of \$250,000. The build-
ing was occupied by F. E. Foster &
Company, shoe dealers, and other
firms.

Firemen had a narrow escape from
death when the front wall of the struc-
ture collapsed.

OSBORNE PLEDGES
PRISONERS AFTER
HIS INDICTMENT

New York, Dec. 29.—Warden Thom-
as M. Osborne of Sing Sing prison
went to White Plains today for ap-
pearance before the supreme court to
answer to indictments by the West-
chester county grand jury charging
him with perjury, neglect of duty, mis-
management and immorality. John B.
Riley, the state superintendent of
prisons, who, it is understood dis-
cussed the case with Governor Whitman
last night, announced that Mr. Os-
borne would be removed as soon as a
successor could be found. Mr. Riley
said that he expected to take that ac-
tion some time today.

When informed of Superintendent
Riley's intention the warden said:
"If Superintendent Riley is not a
party to the foul conspiracy against
me he will do what any decent man
will do, that is give me a fair show
while waiting to see whether I am
guilty or not. This indictment surely
does not convict me nor would it ever
do so."

It was learned today that after he
was informed of his indictment Mr.
Osborne addressed the 1,600 prisoners
at Sing Sing gathered in the mess hall,
told them that it is possible that he
would be suspended and exacted from
them a promise to live up to the prin-
ciples of the Mutual Welfare league
and to continue order and discipline.
Every prisoner in the hall stood up to
pledge himself as requested.

SHOOTS AND KILLS
ESTRANGED SPOUSE

Ottumwa, Ia., Dec. 29.—Thomas
Martin of Eddyville, near here, shot
and killed his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Mar-
tin, at the home of her father, two
miles north of that village this morn-
ing. Worried over the alleged living of
the woman with another man it is said
to have been the cause of Martin's act.

General Abandons Post.

Paris, Dec. 29, (4:45 a. m.)—General
Radomir Putnik, chief of the general
staff of the Serbian army, has given up
his position temporarily by order of
his doctors, according to a dispatch
from Scutari. It is stated that General
Micheich, commander of the first Ser-
bian army, will take General Putnik's
place during the latter's absence.

PEACE FOLK GIVE
SWEDES BANQUET

Stockholm, Dec. 28.—The members
of the Ford peace expedition tonight
gave a banquet in the ballroom of a
local hotel in honor of their Swedish
hosts. Many prominent men and
women of Stockholm were present.
Mayor Carl Lindhagen, one of the
speakers, said:
"You have come like the Vikings of
old across the sea. You are Vikings in
a spiritual sense. I agree with the
Americans that it is better to try some-
thing than nothing."

Gaston Plaintiff thanked the mayor
in the name of Mr. Ford for the recep-
tion, given the mission. Other speak-
ers were H. C. Evans of Des Moines,
Iowa, and Judge Ben Lindsey of Den-
ver. Senator Helen R. Robinson of
Denver, presided.

FOUR APPEAR
TO FACE PLOT
CHARGE MADE

Of Eight Men Indicted by
Federal Grand Jury Only
Half Number Answer.

WARRANTS ARE ISSUED

For Those Who Failed to
Give Selves Up Voluntar-
ily—Will Be Forced.

New York, Dec. 29.—Of the eight
men indicted yesterday charged with
conspiring with agents of the German
government to foment strikes in mun-
ition factories, three had surrendered
to the federal authorities before noon,
and another was in town. For the four
others warrants were issued. These
will be forwarded to Washington for
immediate execution unless assurances
that they will come voluntarily into
court are received this afternoon.

The two surrendered were David La-
mar, alleged paymaster for Captain
Franz von Rintelen, and Jacob Taylor
of East Orange, N. J., president of La-
bor's National Peace council, the med-
ium through which the government
alleges, Von Rintelen sought to direct
his activities. Both entered pleas of
not guilty and were released in \$5,000
bail.

Denies Knowing Lamar.
Taylor denied ever knowing Lamar,
and of Von Rintelen, he said, he had
heard only through the newspapers.

The third defendant who signified
his intention voluntarily to give him-
self up and who came to New York
from Columbus, Ohio, is Frank S.
Monett, former attorney general of
Ohio.

He is said to have been chairman of
the committee on resolutions of the
peace council but the details of the
part he is alleged to have played in
the conspiracy are withheld by fed-
eral officials.

Illinoisans Absent.

Representative Frank Buchanan of
Chicago and H. Robert Fowler, for-
merly representative from Harrisburg,
Ill., had not signified whether they
would make their appearances before
United States commissioners in their
respective districts or in New York.
There is a question whether Buchanan
can claim immunity from arrest on
the ground that he is a member of
congress. The law states that con-
gressmen "shall in all cases, except
treason, felony and breach of the
peace, be privileged from arrest dur-
ing attendance of the sessions of their
respective houses."

Villa Troops Inspect Enemies.

El Paso, Dec. 29.—About 500 defacto
government troops arrived today at
Juarez from Chihuahua, under com-
mand of General Elizondo. There was
no demonstration from the former
Villa troops who, disarmed and paid
off, grouped in the railroad yards, in-
specting their former enemies as the
latter, heavily armed, detrained.

Kansas Crops Worth Millions.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 29.—Kansas pro-
duced field crops valued at \$441,561,
439 in 1915, according to the annual
report of J. C. Mohler, secretary of
the state board of agriculture. The valua-
tion is the largest in the history of the
state, except that 1914 there was a
181,000,000 bushel wheat crop valued
at \$375,000,000.

THE WAR TODAY

The Russian offensive on the
Bessarabian front apparently is
assuming formidable proportions.
Unofficial reports from Berlin say
the Austrian lines have held so far,
although the Russians have attacked
eight times since Christmas night,
with lavish expenditure
of ammunition and men. Russian
troops in Persia, it is reported
from Teheran, have occupied
Kashan, a city of about 20,000 popu-
lation 100 miles south of Teheran,
and are advancing on Isfahan, 100
miles further south, the advice
state.

The Turks report continued
success for their artillery in inter-
fering with allied operations in the
Dardanelles. A battleship and a
cruiser were hit by Turkish shells
and the landing parties of the al-
lies were repeatedly bombarded,
disturbing transport work, it is
declared.

Hand grenade fighting in the
Chaules sector and bombardment
of German positions west of the
Savarin farm in the Champagne
are the only activities reported by
the Paris war office.

May Subject
Filmdom to
Moral Probe

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 29.—Retter-
ated assertions by Rev. Dr. Charles
C. Seligman, pastor of Trinity Meth-
odist Episcopal church, South, Dr.
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ceived scores of letters from girls,
film actors and even directors of mo-
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THOMPSON OUT OF
ELECTION RACE?

Chicago's Mayor Asks That His Name
Be Removed from Nebraska Pri-
mary Ballot.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Mayor Thompson
of Chicago today requested the secre-
tary of state of Nebraska to withdraw
his name from the presidential pri-
mary ballot in Nebraska.
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 29.—The request
of Mayor Thompson of Chicago that
his name be withdrawn from the re-
publican presidential primary ballot
in this state will be granted by Sec-
retary of State Pool.

COXEY PLANNING
ANOTHER MARCH

Famous General in Trip to Washing-
ton This Time Will Take Sena-
torial Route.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 29.—"General"
Cobb S. Coxe, wealthy manufacturer
of Massillon, Ohio, who led the "army
of the commonwealth" to Washington
in 1894, outlined today plans for cam-
paign as an independent candidate for
United States senator from Ohio, to
succeed Senator Pomeroy next year.
He said he would run on a platform
demanding that congress authorize
issue of \$1,000,000,000 legal tender cur-
rency, half of which is to be used in
creating a merchant marine and half
for naval equipment or coast defenses.

CAN SEE MEXICO
ON WATER WAGON

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 29.—All of
western Mexico, from Tepic to the
border, probably will soon be on the
"water wagon" according to a state-
ment today by Thomas D. Boyd, Jr.,
manager of the United Sugar company,
who has arrived from the company's
holdings near San Blas, Mexico.
"Sonora is absolutely dry," said
Boyd, "dry in the full sense of the
word. There is no bootlegging and
anybody caught taking a drink runs
a chance of being stood up against a
wall."

All the Carranza governors, said
Boyd, are thinking of making their
states dry. The project is looked up-
on with favor by Carranza, he added.

TO ENLIST AFTER
ONE BIG SPLURGE

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Frederick J.
Clarke, a clerk in the branch of the
Canadian Bank of Commerce at Ad-
miral, Sask., is under arrest here to-
day on a charge of theft and forgery.
Clarke, whose father is Mayor
Thomas Clarke of the Royal Irish dra-
goons, came to Chicago for "one big
splurge" before enlisting in the Brit-
ish army. He admitted, according to
the police, to taking \$500 of the bank's
funds. He will be turned over to Ca-
nadian authorities.

Fall on Ice Causes Death.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Miss Jane Carter,
daughter of the late Sylvester Carter,
a lumberman of Keokuk, Iowa, died
at her home here today from injuries
suffered last week when she fell on an
icy sidewalk. Funeral services will be
held in Keokuk Friday.

FIERCE RUSS
ATTACK UPON
GALICIA TOLD

Terrific Offensive Begun by
Czar's Soldiers Mention-
ed by the Austrians.

LINES DO NOT YIELD

Foe's Forces Withstand the
Charges of Russians With
Great Difficulty.

London, Dec. 29, (10:30 a. m.)—
Russian troops have occupied the
important Persian town, Kashan,
and are marching toward Isfahan,
according to the Teheran cor-
respondent of Reuter's Telegram
company.

London, Dec. 29, (12:32 p. m.)—The
fierce fighting on Galician and Bes-
sarabian front of which mention is
made in both Russian and Austrian of-
ficial statements, seems to support the
forecasts that Russia, instead of di-
rectly attacking Bulgaria, hopes to
reduce the pressure on the entente al-
lies in the Balkans and Asia Minor
and impress Rumania and Greece by
a diversion to the north, with the in-
tent, if possible, of breaking through
the Austrian lines.

Russ Capture Kasaban.

Simultaneously comes the news of
the capture by the Russians of Kasa-
han, one of the principal cities of
Persia, and of an advance toward Spa-
han. These points are too remote for
their occupation directly to menace
the Turks who are fighting the British
under General Townsend on the Ti-
gris, but undoubtedly the Russian ad-
vance will have an important politi-
cal effect in Persia and possibly an in-
fluence on the projected movement of
the central powers against Egypt.

Accounts Conflicting.

Conflicting accounts come from
Athens and Saloniki regarding the
movements of the troops of the cen-
tral powers on the Macedonian bor-
der, but there are persistent reports
that the Greeks have given the Bul-
garians permission to cross the bor-
der if they and their allies are intent
on following the entente troops to
Saloniki.

The recent French official state-
ments indicate that the allies are
maintaining the offensive in the west,
with the fighting fiercest in the Vos-
ges.

Eight Attacks Made.

Berlin, Dec. 29, (via London, 11:15 a.
m.)—The Ozerowitz (Bukovina) cor-
respondent of the Tagblatt sends the
following:

"The Russians have made eight at-
tacks against the Austrians on the
Bessarabian border since Christmas
night. Despite a tremendous expen-
diture of ammunition and men the at-
tacking forces have not broken
through the lines. Every time the
columns of the Russians reached the
Austro-Hungarian lines they were re-
pulsed. The Russians maintained a
gun fire for 25 hours."

KEOKUK IS STRUCK
BY \$26,000 BLAZE

Keokuk, Iowa, Dec. 29.—Fire of un-
known origin late last night totally
destroyed the Gate City Seed com-
pany's office and elevator here. The
loss is estimated at \$26,000. Firemen
were handicapped by zero weather. Two
explosions preceded the blaze.

Convoy May Be Asked for.

Paris, Dec. 29, (5:30 a. m.)—Ernest
Ourey, deputy for Cochinchine, has
announced that he will ask the mi-
nister of marine, in the chamber of de-
puties, if, in view of the sinking of the
French steamer Ville de la Clotat, the
minister does not think it necessary
to convoy lines in the Mediterranean,
in order to prevent repetition of such
a catastrophe.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Unsettled weather tonight and
Thursday with probably snow and
colder Thursday with the lowest tem-
perature tonight about 13 degrees.
Temperature at 7 a. m. 15. Highest
yesterday 24. Lowest last night 12.
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 6 miles
per hour.
Precipitation none.
Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 70, at
7 a. m. 85, at 1 p. m. today 66.
Stage of water 5.5, a rise of 1.9
in last 24 hours.
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.